

*Washington, DC* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the participation of Binghamton University and Cornell University in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

"As one of only two House members whose congressional district includes two universities with men's basketball teams in the NCAA tournament, I'm very excited for the action on the court to begin. Once Binghamton cruises past Duke in what some will mistakenly characterize as an 'upset,' but what will really be 'an expected trouncing,' and Cornell teaches Missouri how to play basketball, we'll be well on our way to a championship game showdown between the Bearcats and Big Red.

"I'm already trying to figure out whether to wear my Cornell t-shirt or Binghamton windbreaker for the final game. I wish both teams the very best. Those of us in upstate New York are very excited about their appearances in the tournament and will be rooting for them both to go all the way to the championship game."